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11. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 2 wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.

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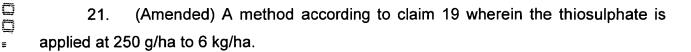
13. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 1 in the form of a concentrate.

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17. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to claim 1 further comprising a plant growth regulator.

19. (Amended) A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to claim 1 to the plant or its environs.





22. (Amended) A method according to claim 19 wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.

A version of the above-amended claims marked to indicate the specific amendments may be found in the attached Appendix, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1).

Kindly cancel claims 23 and 24, without prejudice.

Kindly add claims 25-46 as follows:



25. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the phosphonate is ammonium, sodium or potassium phosphonate or a mixture thereof.

- 26. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the derivative of salicylic acid is salicylamide or a salt thereof.
- 27. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the homologue of salicylic acid is benzoic acid or a salt or derivative thereof.
- 28. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.
 - 29. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 in the form of a concentrate.
- 30. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 in the form of an aqueous solution.
- 31. A fertiliser composition according to claim 3 further comprising a plant growth regulator.
- 32. A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to claim 3 to the plant or its environs.
- 33. A method according to claim 32 wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.
- 34. A fertiliser composition according to claim 6 wherein the phosphonate is ammonium, sodium or potassium phosphonate or a mixture thereof.
- 35. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the thiosulphate is ammonium, sodium or potassium thiosulphate or a mixture thereof.

- 36. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the derivative of salicylic acid is salicylamide or a salt thereof.
- 37. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the homologue of salicylic acid is benzoic acid or a salt or derivative thereof.
- 38. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.
 - 39. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 in the form of a concentrate.
- 40. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 in the form of an aqueous solution.
- 41. A fertiliser composition according to claim 5 further comprising a plant growth regulator.
- 42. A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to claim 5 to the plant or its environs.
- 43. A method according to claim 42 wherein the thiosulphate is applied at 250 g/ha to 6 kg/ha.
- 44. A method according to claim 42 wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.
- 45. A method of stimulating the growth of a plant comprising applying an effective amount of the fertiliser composition of claim 1 to the plant or its environs to stimulate the growth of the plant.